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RIFLE SHOOTING REALLY FINE ART

Wonderful Stories Told of Art of Kentucky and Tennessee Marksmen

Rochester, N. Y.—The current number of Recreation contains an interesting paper by Robert Lindsay Mason, which deals with the old time rifleman and rifles used by the Smoky Mountain men who lived in Kentucky and Tennessee in the days before the war, before well meaning but near sighted reformers had ordained legislative enactments that rifle shooting matches constituted gambling.

Mr. Mason tells a fascinating story of the achievements of these mountain riflemen. It was an era when lead for molding into bullets was equivalent to legal tender in the mountains, and the spent bullets were extracted carefully from the hardwood slab targets and formed portions of the prizes for the successful competitors. And, if the recreation writer is not relying upon uncertain tradition, or drawing on his imagination, the backwoodsmen won their choice portions of the prize steer and the re-couped bullets by firing at real targets. The description of the usual target is worthy of careful consideration by the riflemen of today, who are in training for shooting in defense of the nation, should occasion demand. This was the target which confronted the old time Smoky Mountain riflemen:

"The targets were clapboards charred black. Upon each of these was placed a white spot of the contestant's own selection, which served as a bull's eye. Every participant had his own method of centering" his shots. That is he chose his center upon his first shot if it was satisfactory. The main thing was to hit it thereafter.

"A favorite style of a bull's eye used by the marksmen of Tuckaleechee Cove consisted of a solid slip of paper—preferred to new—in which was cut an inverted V with an inch diamond half an inch above it. The marksman aimed at the apex of the inverted V and at 50 yards the trajectory of his missile would, if the aim was true, place it in the center of the diamond.

"When the marksman had chosen his center a cross was made through the center of it with a knife by one of the judges, who was generally a reputable man of his community. The shooter then proceeded until he had expended his allotment, whereupon his board was laid aside for future reference. All bullet holes were filled with corn starch pith.

Considering the size of these targets and the primitive method of manufacturing the guns and calibrating the sights it is not after all, a matter of wonderment that legislators regarded attempts to hit the bull's eye" as plain, ordinary gambling.

And it would be imprudent gambling to wager on even terms that straight scores could be made, on such targets, by latter day militia men, with modern rifles, at comparative ranges. Indeed, with men trained in rifle shooting—as these southern mountain men are credited by Mr. Mason with having been trained—confronting each other in the European trench war, the contending armies would soon be annihilated. For, when bullets were so precious that they must be recovered, riflemen had an ever present motive for hitting the mark.

BAD \$100 BILL PROVES GOOD

Supposed Counterfeit Was of Issue Called in.

Kansas City, Mo.—A few days ago Martin Crowe, County Marshal, deposited a \$100 bill at a local bank. The bank sent it to another bank, where it was pronounced counterfeit. The Fidelity Trust Company, which left with the supposed counterfeit on its hands, took the bill to Fred N. Tate, Federal Secret Service Agent here. Mr. Tate took the supposed counterfeit up with Washington.

Now a telegram has come: "The \$100 bill is genuine."

However, the treasury Department kept the bill and sent back to the Fidelity Trust Company another bill in its place. It seems that 14 years ago a clever counterfeit of that issue of \$100 bills was put out. It was so nearly like the genuine that the treasury department recalled the genuine issue and destroyed most of the bills. But some of the originals were not returned and the supposed counterfeit was one of them. The Treasury department is destroying bills of this issue as fast as it can get hold of them, giving the holders new \$100 bills in return.

Jigs and Marches Make Pupils Work.

Burlington, N. J.—Making the fingers of pupils dance over the keys of typewriters in time with lively melody from a talking machine as a means of increasing speed and efficiency is meeting with remarkable success at the Robert Stacy High School, where Prof. William Beck has introduced the innovation in the commercial courses. Irish jigs, marches, two steps and other brands of canned music may become an indispensable feature in other classes if experiments now being tried out by the faculty bring expected results.

Pennmanship of pupils is improving under the rhythmic influence of Yankee Doodle and Hawaiian waltzes, which it is claimed, arouse the interest of the pupils, increase their speed and improve the clearness and regularity of their writing.

It is claimed that the time and energy usually devoted to typewriting during school term can be reduced 40 per cent and the same proficiency attained.

SMITH BOYS DID IT, IS THE PLEA

BROTHERS BLAMED FOR TRAIN, BANK, AND OTHER ROBBERIES BUT ONE CHARGE UPHELD

BIG REWARDS OUT FOR THEM

Officers of Four Counties Engaged in Continuous Search and Expect No Easy Capture

Muskogee, Ok.—Officers of Muskogee, McIntosh, Haskell and Sequoyah counties are conducting an almost continuous search for Joe and Dave Smith brothers and alleged contenders for the "bad men" championship.

For each of them there is outstanding a reward of \$300, offered by the American Express Co., on suspicion that they were principals in the M. K. & T. train robbery at Onapa, Ok., and Sheriff J. S. Barger has also offered a reward of \$100 for Dave, who broke jail here after a jury had sentenced him and Cole Shoemaker to serve terms of seven years each in the penitentiary for robbing a drug store at Porum of less than \$50, the druggist being severely beaten.

It has come to pass that almost every crime committed in this section of Oklahoma is credited to the Smith brothers, and this is generally accepted as fact by the officers for the simple reason that there seems to be nothing for the fugitives to do but dodge officers and live from day to day on the fruit of law violations. So far as can be ascertained, the boys have not slept in a bed since the night Dave escaped from the Muskogee jail. They are believed to be on horseback every day, sometimes eating at their own campfire of game they have killed, at others in the house of someone whom they know will not betray them.

In the way of ammunition and clothing, the Smiths are believed to have sufficient to last them for years. Recently a store at Webber's Falls was robbed, a large lot of ammunition and clothing being taken. The Smiths are held to have done the job.

But the officers trailing Dave and Joe Smith are not fearing surprise by them and violent death or injury. They are convinced the fugitives are guided by purpose to evade the law and not to add to their difficulties the charge of killing an officer or posseman. It is the belief of Sheriff Barger that should a lone officer encounter the brothers he would be well treated, probably fed and entertained with account of some lively experiences, but they would not harm him unless attempt were made to force them to surrender. No one, so far as known, entertains an idea that the boys will become prisoners unless surprised and overwhelmed or without being beaten in a shooting match.

Dave and Joe Smith are Muskogee county products. They hail from the southeastern part of the county and are said to be related to most of the denizens of the Kiamichi Mountain region. They are sons of Famous Smith, who himself had a record for killing men, not as a murderer, but because he reached them before they could get to him, so that his plea of self defense always had foundation.

The first charge of violence registered against the Smith brothers, so far as is recalled, arose several years ago, when Joe shot a rival for a girl's favor at a country dance.

Two years ago complaints were made to county authorities that Dave and Joe were rustling cattle from farmers. Warrants for their arrests were issued, but the arrests were not made for the reason that the boys could not be located.

Then followed the report that Dave Smith and Cole Shoemaker had entered the drug store at Porum and robbed it. This time the officers found their men, brought them to this city and the trial ended with a sentence of both to seven years in state prison. In engineering the escape in March last, Dave Smith entered the jail runway and, awaiting a moment when a guard named Payne turned his back, dealt him a blow with a flatiron.

Payne was left for dead and Smith, Shoemaker and Will Burnett, another prisoner, hastened into the jailer's office, beat him down, seized guns and fled. Outside the jail they seized a buggy and drove to the fair grounds, where they took three race horses and escaped to the Warner Bottoms. Shoemaker was recaptured after being wounded, and Burnett, whose whereabouts was disclosed by farmers, was also returned to jail. Smith has not since been a prisoner.

Nothing but suspicion exists upon which to hang the charge that Dave and Joe Smith were members of the gang of eight men who recently held up the Katy train at Onapa, but every officer who has had a part in the investigation entertains no doubt that they were, and that the express company so believes is shown by the offer of \$300 reward for each of the brothers.

There also is talk that the boys have committed some of the bank robberies, which have so aroused people of the state that the legislature enacted a law offering specific rewards for capture of that class of criminal, but, so far as known, as in the case of the train robbery, positive evidence is not available.

COURT TESTS DICE USED IN GAMBLING

Owner Fined After Demonstrating How to Win at Game

Chicago, Ill.—The dice that until recently rattled out free pie to North High School students or made them pay double for it to Napoleon F. Guilmont, confectioner at 1100 Twentieth avenue North, rattled on the municipal court bench later, thrown by Judge G. L. Smith and License Inspector H. K. Radcliff, who wanted to see what proportion of the pie the boys got free.

The test had merely to do with pie and cream puffs that have already been eaten. Boys who go to Guilmonts hereafter will pay a regular price for the goodies.

"I guess they're all right," said the court, after Radcliff had tried them. Then he fined Guilmont, who had already pleaded guilty, \$15. Guilmont also told how he came to wager his pies on a game of chance.

"Why, I hardly ever shook dice before yesterday, but the boys were always matching for jelly rolls and pastry and so, when one of them offered to shake me for a cut of custard, why I shook him.

"I won, you honor." At this point Radcliff exhibited the dice and told the court they didn't look just right.

"The edge is rounded there," he said as he handed the dice over. Judge Smith took the dice and threw them. Then Radcliff rattled and did better.

"You see those smooth edges will make you throw a deuce or a four oftener than any others if you aren't careful," said the inspector. "I was careful."

"I guess the dice were not intended to be loaded, and anyhow, Mr. Guilmont isn't going to use them again," said the court. "If he does he will go to the workhouse."

Guilmont again promised to be good, paid his fine, and went back to the store.

Parents of high school boys complained that the boys were shaking dice for pastry in the place and Radcliff arrested Guilmont after he had watched the dice shaking operations.

TREED BY PACK OF WOLVES

Deluth, Minn., Youth 14, Sees Animals Attack, Kill and Devour Bull Moose

Deluth, Minn.—Frightened, weary hungry and nearly naked Oscar Pinord, 14, of Deluth, stumbled into an Indian camp near Cloquet, and to an old squaw told a story of adventure that caused the red skinned stoic to weep with sympathy.

The boy cried for water and food, and when these had restored his strength he told of being chased by a moose, of watching from a treetop a pack of howling wolves tear the moose to pieces, of sleeping in the same treetop for three days and of wandering hopelessly about swamps, marshes and forests for a trail that would bring him back to Deluth.

This excitement was crowded into six long days. The boy, accompanied by Joseph Storms, left Deluth on a hunting trip. The hunters built a camp at Rice Lake, 22 miles west of Deluth, and Storms set about cooking the evening meal. Through the trees Pinord saw a rabbit and started in pursuit. The rabbit led the boy far into the woods.

Twilight was fading. Soon night had come and for hours Pinord roamed the woods, searching for camp. He found himself in a swamp and decided to sleep in a tree.

In the morning he heard the bellow of a bull moose in the distance and a moment afterwards the howl of wolves. Soon the frantic moose and his cow came running through the swamp, with the wolves following. The moose made for the boy, who got out of reach by climbing the tree where he had found refuge in the night. Under the tree the pack caught the moose and tore him to pieces, while the shivering boy watched.

For three days and nights Pinord was afraid to leave the tree except in daytime, when he went a short distance for water. On the third day the howl of timber wolves was no longer heard and the boy tried once more to find his way back to camp.

It was the Indian camp that he found after a day's search. His clothing had been torn from him. Even his shoes were gone. The old squaw gave him clothing and he started home.

Omaha Judge Lets Boyhood Friend Go

Omaha, Neb.—Frank Randall of Nelson, Neb., was brought before Judge Foster for a slight offense.

"Hello, Charlie," said Randall. "Hello Frank," replied the judge. "I'm glad to see you, how long are you going to be in town?"

"That's up to you Charlie," replied Randall.

The Judge idly fingered a blotter and for a moment gazed dreamily off into space. He had visions of a weatherbeaten school house, two kids fling in a rippling stream and later plunging into a calm, deep pool, sunlight reflected dazzlingly from the school house windows.

Evidently the reflection hurt his eyes, for he brushed them with the back of his hand—started—and looked down at the prisoner.

"I guess you can go, Frank," said the judge.

"Thanks, Charlie," replied the prisoner and turning left the room. "I haven't seen that fellow since we were youngsters," remarked the judge. "My, how things have changed!"

A Hint to Women on WALL PAPER

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